

Proposed Budget For SBC For 1959 Set \$17.5 Million

NASHVILLE (BP)—The recommended Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program budget for 1959 is \$17½ million, which is \$1 million greater than the budget for 1958.

The Southern Baptist Executive Committee has approved the 1959 budget and will recommend it to the Convention proper next May in Houston.

SBC Afternoon Sessions To Be Recommended

NASHVILLE — (BP) — The Southern Baptist Executive Committee approved a recommendation that future sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention open on Tuesday night and close on Friday night, with sessions each afternoon except Wednesday.

Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor, First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, who presented the recommendation, said that "abbreviated Convention programs do not allow adequate consideration of business before the Convention."

The Executive Committee also approved the plan for scheduling the annual Convention sermon at the Tuesday night session, with no business being taken up on opening night.

The plan also is that the Convention not meet in any city in which there is "a considerable distance" between the hotels and the Convention meeting hall.

Hobbs was asked if in Chicago, site of the last annual session, there was too much distance between hotels and the auditorium. He replied, "In Chicago, there was a considerable distance."

Under the revision of the Convention schedule, which must be approved by the Convention itself, Wednesday afternoon will be left open for luncheons by alumni of various seminaries and for other special meetings.

Hobbs said that if there was too great a distance between hotels and the Convention meeting place, messengers would not have time to eat lunch between morning and afternoon sessions.

E. C. Williams To Be Temporary S. S. Secretary

Dr. E. C. Williams, who was scheduled to retire Jan. 1 as state Sunday School secretary, will continue temporarily in that capacity until a permanent successor is named.

Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer, in making the announcement, said Dr. Williams would continue a full program of Sunday School work so there would be no delay in this vital activity.

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Four Scattered Cities Qualify For 1961 Meet

NASHVILLE (BP) — Four cities which have invited the 1961 session of the Southern Baptist Convention are qualified to accommodate it, according to a report to the Southern Baptist Executive Committee.

The cities are Dallas, Detroit, Los Angeles, and St. Louis. Los Angeles is qualified only on condition that a sports arena with a 16,000-seat capacity is completed in time.

Several factors enter into qualifications. They include adequate hotel space to accommodate about 10,000 to 12,000 persons coming from out-of-town points. The other factors are about the meeting place. It must have enough seats for attendance which averages 12,500 to 15,000 and the auditorium must be close to hotels at which Conventions are staying.

St. Louis In 1954

Of the four qualified sites, only one has been the site of a Convention session in recent years—St. Louis in 1954. The Convention met once in Dallas, in 1894. It has never met in Detroit or Los Angeles. Its only meeting in the Far West was in San Francisco in 1951.

Detroit recently became a potential Convention site with the organization of the Michigan Baptist Convention with offices in that city.

Convention sites through 1960 have been picked — Houston in '58, Louisville in '59 and Miami Beach in '60.

The Convention session at Houston will decide on the site of the 1961 meeting. It does not necessarily have to select one of the four cities mentioned.

Gov. Chandler Bars Liquor At Christmas Fetes

FRANKFORT, Ky. (RNS) — Use of alcoholic beverages at Christmas parties on state property was "positively forbidden" by Gov. A. B. Chandler in a message to department heads.

However, the governor said, the custom of Christmas parties in state offices "is agreeable and is not discouraged."

"It is fitting and proper that Christmas be celebrated with an atmosphere of congeniality, friendship and good will, for these things are the spirit of Christmas," Gov. Chandler declared.

Plan To Reach Inactives

NASHVILLE, (BP)—Plans for reaching two million inactive church members and for holding 900 associational evangelistic clinics in 1958 were made here recently.

The plans were announced by 23 Baptist secretaries of evangelism.

The state secretaries and staff of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's department of evangelism spent two days discussing state programs and preparing a step-by-step procedure for the 1959 year of simultaneous Baptist evangelism in North America.

Preparation for the cooperative Baptist year of soul-winning begins June 1, 1958 with a world day of prayer and ends in April, 1959 with reports.

Sept. 28-Oct. 5, 1958 was set aside as a church member visitation period. Leonard Sanderson, Dallas, Home Mission Board secretary of evangelism, estimated that two million members of Southern Baptist churches who live in their church communities do not attend church services.

A preliminary 1957 evangelism report showed an increase of 1775 baptisms over the previous year. Baptisms totalled 386,324 for 1957.



THE SONG OF CHRISTMAS—"O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant..." —(RNS Photo.)

"Bringing Men Closer To God" Is Seen As Objective Of Southern Baptists

NASHVILLE — (BP) — Southern Baptists' basic objective, according to an official of the firm which has made management surveys of many Baptist groups, "is to bring men closer to God through Jesus Christ."

H. L. Wilsey, management consultant for Booz, Allen & Hamilton, Chicago, made the statement in an address here. Booz, Allen & Hamilton is currently making a survey of the total Southern Baptist Convention program.

The Chicago firm previously conducted surveys for the Baptist Sunday School Board, the Woman's Missionary Union, and Southern Baptist Seminary. It is now making a survey for Career School of Missions and Social Work and the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

The Baptist General Convention of Texas has employed Booz, Allen & Hamilton to be-

gin a survey of its state Baptist work in January. Three other state Baptist organizations — Kentucky, Tennessee, and Arkansas — may use the firm to aid them in surveys of their work.

Wilsey is in charge of the firm's surveys for religious groups and educational institutions.

No Place for Inaction
"The denomination's basic objective," Wilsey continued, "leaves no place for complacency, inaction, or limited or intermittent effort."

He added that Southern Baptists' plan of organization should:

1. "Assure the ability of the (Continued on Page 8)

Plans Made To Rotate Business Group Of SBC

NASHVILLE (BP)—The committee which plans the order of business for the annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention will have a continuing membership in the future, if present plans are adopted.

The Southern Baptist Executive Committee at its December meeting here approved a plan by which members of the Committee on Order of Business will serve three-year terms on a rotating basis. The Executive Committee's recommendation now goes to the Convention itself for a final decision.

The present Committee on Order of Business is appointed from year to year, so that the membership of the committee is entirely new each year.

The plan approved by the Executive Committee is for the Committee on Order of Business to have seven members — the president of the Convention and six others. Of the six others, two would be laymen. The six would be elected for three-year terms.

The change from the present procedure would be such that two of the six members rotate off the committee each year. The change-over also provides that some of the members of the 1958 Committee on Order be carried over to help plan the 1959 session.

NO PAPER TO BE ISSUED NEXT WEEK

According to custom of many years standing the Baptist Record will not issue a paper next week.

The next issue will appear on Thursday, Jan. 2.

Carey Students Top \$1,000 Goal For Lottie Moon

\$1,250 was dedicated in chapel at William Carey College Wednesday morning of last week with Rev. Malcolm Tolbert, missionary to Brazil, as the principal speaker. He is on his first furlough after a five-year term of service in Brazil. He is a graduate of Louisiana College and New Orleans Seminary and is now working on his requirements for a Doctor's Degree at the Seminary.

The \$1,000 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal was set by the students at Carey two weeks ago and since that time the religious life of the campus has been in keeping with the theme, "For God So Loved." Two lighted posters were placed in the main hall of Tatum Court; one representing the mission fields of the world and the other showing the progress made by the various dormitories and groups of the campus.

At the beginning of the dedication service in chapel all lights were burning indicating that all groups had reached their goals and the \$1,000 goal had been exceeded by the amount of \$250. Students serving as Lottie Moon captains were as follows: Johnson Hall, Patsy Hughes and Jeanette Stewart; Ross Hall, Lena Mae Birdsong and Bonnie Sue Oswalt; Boy's Dormitory, Winfred Burt, Paul Wiggins, and David Shofner; Day Students, Wendell Gilmore, Ray Downey, Ramona Hankins, Mary Taylor, Charles Tyson, and Arlis Grice.

Morning Watch

Morning Watch programs during the emphasis week were as follows: "For God So Loved"—That He Gave to All Countries—David Shofner; "That He Called to Prepare" Bobby Lois Prussing; "That He Empowered Against All Hindrances" Kenneth Haag; "That He Called to All Races" Kaye Oglesbee; and "That We Must Love Him Too" Clement Casey.

David Millican, B. S. U. President presided at dedication service. A quarter composed of Sidnew Guckley, Jean Isbill, Kaye Oglesbee, and Kenneth Smith sang, "Send Me, O Lord, Send Me." Dr. Elmer Nielsen, Carey B. S. U. Pastor-Advisor, led in the dedication prayer and the meeting closed with a solo by James Downey.

Hays Asks Emphasis On Integrity In Public Life

NASHVILLE — (BP) — The president of the Southern Baptist Convention called for "integrity in public service" and an emphasis on "moral elements in the unions and in industry" in an address to the December meeting of the SBC Executive Committee here.

Rep. Brooks Hays (D., Ark.) said these needs were pointed up by the Senate hearings on operations of labor unions. He said further that "in world affairs there is a challenge equally demanding." Despite "recent successes in the missile field" which "should spur our own endeavors," Congressman Hays continued, "all Christians know that science is not sufficient."

He said "Christian insights and dedication" are necessary to establish "bridges of understanding" in the world which will help eliminate "tensions that lead to war."

"The Baptist fellowship which circles the globe has its most powerful outlets in the South," according to Hays. "We believe that we are serving our country and the cause of world peace in advancing the Christian gos-

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NEW NEIGHBORS—Closely akin in many other ways, Mississippi Baptists and Mississippi Methodists now have headquarters buildings across the street from each other in Jackson. At the formal opening of the Methodist Building Monday afternoon of this week Bishop Marvin Franklin of the Methodist Church and Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive-secretary for Baptists in the state, were among those participating. Congratulations were extended to Mississippi Methodists on the new building as an indication of the general progress of the denomination.—(Staff Photo).

'M' Night Will Top Attendance

NASHVILLE (BSSB)—Reports from 697 Baptist Training Union associations throughout the Southern Baptist Convention indicate that total attendance of "M" Night will go above the goal of 450,000.

R. Maines Rawls, director of associational work in the Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, said that reporting associations show that 343,231 persons attended this special Training Union night in Baptist churches, with 387 associations yet to report.

"M" (Mobilization) Night is designed to present the Baptist Training Union programs for 1958 for Southern Baptist churches. Most of the meetings were held Dec. 2, which was the scheduled date for the observance. A number of associations will hold "M" Night meetings at a later date. Final reports will be made when all associations have reported.

Clinton Church Pledges Record \$112,500 Budget



The Clinton Church on Sunday, Dec. 8 over-subscribed its record \$112,500 budget for 1958, as a result of a most successful campaign using the Forward Program of Church Finance of Southern Baptists.

The new budget is an increase of \$37,500 or 50% over the 1957 budget of \$75,000, according to Rev. Russell M. McIntire, pastor, who was high in his praise of the Forward Program.

\$7,500 of the 1958 financial outlay of \$112,500 is a non-budget item for missions and will be given in addition to the budget, having actually \$105,000 to be subscribed.

\$107,691.44 had been pledged through Sunday, Dec. 15, with additional amounts probably to be pledged.

A total of 1,075 pledges were recorded with 838 of them, or 78%, signing up as titheers.

\$48,100 to Mission

\$48,100 of the grand total of \$112,500 will go to missions, with \$23,500 of that going through the Cooperative Program.

More than 550 people attended the Loyalty Dinner. The Pledge March on Sunday morning, Dec. 8 was one of the high-light experiences of the campaign. More than \$90,000 of the \$107,691.44 was pledged at that service.

Although the church has operated annually on a budget this was the first time in at least several years that canvass was made.



W. Boyd Hunt

Hunt To Lead Bible Study At First, Jax

Dr. W. Boyd Hunt, head of the Department of Theology, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, will teach "Studies in Hosea" January 13-16, 1958 at First Church, Jackson.

Dr. Hunt has served as pastor, is a writer and has been a member of the Southwestern Seminary faculty since 1952.

JERUSALEM — Discovery of the oldest Christian church ever excavated in Israel was announced here by the Israeli Antiquities Department. It said the church was uncovered in the village of Shavei Zion on the Mediterranean coast.

Baptist Life In Hungary Seen By President Baptist Seminary In Switzerland

By Josef Nordenhaug
President Baptist Seminary, Switzerland

RUSCHLIKON, Switzerland—It was my privilege to make a visit to Hungary, November 23-29. This time was spent in Budapest, with the exception of Monday, November 25, when I visited the churches in Domsod and Kiskoros. The hospitality of the Hungarian brethren was everywhere overwhelming. The Christian love which binds us together across national and linguistic barriers is indeed a reality, and nowhere have I experienced it in a higher degree than among the Baptists of Hungary.

During my visit I had opportunity to preach fifteen times to various church congregations, to the deacons of greater Budapest, to the national conference of Baptist pastors, to the fellowship of pastors' wives, and to the annual convention which was held in the Nap street Baptist Church in Budapest during the week of my visit. Everywhere I was asked to convey the most cordial greetings of the Hungarian Baptists to the Baptists of the world.

The Baptists of Hungary number close to twenty thousand members in nearly one hundred churches. The number of pastors is about the same as the number of churches. They carry on a program of evangelistic preaching and worship at many mission points which are not yet constituted as independent churches. The annual convention elects the members of the thirteen committees which carry on work in various fields. The executive committee is responsible for coordinating the work of the various convention agencies, and a smaller sub-committee whose members live in or near Budapest, functions in matters which may need attention between the session of the larger committee.

In Aradi Street
The Baptist headquarters are located in Aradi street 48 where

also their seminary at present has its quarters on the top floor. Eleven students live in two small rooms. New classes are started every second year. The dining room also serves as chapel and study hall. After the second world war the housing situation in Budapest was so acute, that the authorities took over the use of the Benczur street property where the seminary formerly had its quarters. Assurance has now come from the Ministry of Religious Affairs that this building will be placed at the disposal of the Baptists again. That will solve the pressing need for room for the operation of the seminary.

The Baptists, along with other church organizations, have freedom to preach the gospel in their places of worship and to organize such activities which promote the fellowship and cooperation between their churches. They now also publish a denominational paper. A hymn book is in preparation and they hope to have the manuscript ready for the printed in the spring of 1958.

I came away from Hungary with deep gratitude to God for the living witness of his people there. In spite of many difficulties they are of good courage and full of hope for the future. They need our aid and support. Let us include our Hungarian brethren in our prayers.

East Texas Baptist College Reorganized

East Texas Baptist College was admitted to membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools at its meeting in Richmond on December 5.

Dr. H. D. Bruce is president.

CHICAGO — Dr. Truman B. Douglass of New York told lay leaders here that the "only serious unemployment problem in Protestantism today is the unemployed state of its laymen."

Do You Believe In Santa Claus?

By Glenn E. Bryant
Grant Avenue Baptist Church
Springfield, Missouri

There are those who would steal from us the joy and blessings of the yuletide season. They say that Christmas is pagan in origin and that Christians should not take part in a heathen festival. Others say that the word Christmas means "Christ's Mass" and that non-catholics should not participate in its celebration. But why should these things hinder our observance of the birthday of Christ. We are not commemorating some pagan festival or observing mass. We are observing the birthday of Jesus. Many have made the Lord's Day a holiday instead of a Holy Day, but does that mean we should abolish it?

Easter is also of pagan origin. It is a heathen rite of the Teutonic tribes of Central Europe. This rite is held in honor of the death of winter, the birth of a new year, and the return of the sun. The word Easter itself comes from the name of a pagan goddess of spring, Eostre. So should we not abolish Easter also?

Then some feel that we should not celebrate Christmas because we are not sure that December 25 is the actual day on which Jesus was born.

But to me, when he was born is not nearly as important as the fact of his birth.

Quotes Gal. 4:10

Some feel that to observe Christmas is to disobey the scriptures. They quote Galatians 4:10, where Paul said, "Ye are observing days, months, seasons, years, I'm beginning to fear that I have bestowed my labor on you for nothing." But Paul was not referring to Christmas, he was saying to the Galatians Christians, you have been redeemed by the blood of Christ, you are under grace, not the law, so you don't have to observe days and seasons of the Law of Moses.

Guard Against Evils

There are some evils however, that should be guarded against in observing Christ's birthday. For example, the evils of commercialism. Last year, according to the report from Dunn and Bradstreet, Christmas spending exceeded seventeen billion dollars: one hundred million for Christmas trees; three hundred thousand on Santa's whiskers; one hundred and sixty-five million for jewelry; three hundred million for toys; one hundred and twenty million for turkey and poultry.

This does not include millions spent on holiday dinners that cost from twelve to twenty dollars a plate, and whiskeys that cost from three to fifty dollars.

Christmas has become the season of big business — a season for money making and personal profit.

Some places of business fill their counters with cheap merchandise and then on the rising tide of a buying hysteria, sell at high prices. You can find a "Merry Christmas" in attractive letters on everything from cheap picture cards to a bottle of liquor. It reminds me of a two-page ad I saw in the Bohemia, the Life Magazine of Cuba. Judas, who betrayed Jesus, was standing at the foot of the cross with a bottle of Bacardi wine in his hand. After taking a long drink and smacking his lips, Judas looks first at the Son of God hanging on the tree and then to a friend and says, "If I had known there was such wonderful wine in the world, I wouldn't have crucified Jesus." Oh! What an affront to the Eternal God, what blasphemy the name of Christ, who reproach upon the name of Christmas!

On Christmas Day all over America, tens of thousands of drooling, bleary-eyed men, women and youth will be staggering up and down the streets or sprawling over bars, too drunk to even hold up their heads. The names of God and Christ will be shrieked out in curses. This to some is Christmas!

Sees Specialization

Another danger we need to guard against is religious specialization. The danger of setting aside one day to celebrate the birth of Christ and after that day forgetting about him until the next year. To the Christian, every day is Christmas Day.

The third evil is the one you have been afraid I would mention. It is never right to tell a lie, but to connect a lie with the birth of Christ is just about as cruel a thing as one could possibly do. No matter how much we desire to have fun with the children, we should not do it at the expense of truth. I believe it should be made perfectly clear that Christ is the giver of every good gift. I believe that Santa Clause can symbolize the Spirit of Christ just as Uncle Sam symbolizes the Home Foremost.



SPENDING CHRISTMAS FOR CHRIST—Sam Matalaka from Jordan (left) and Derik Aryakasol (right) from Thailand, former students at Mississippi College now attending Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, will preach a ten-day revival in the Bahama Islands during this Christmas season.

The Spirit of Democracy. And as long as it is perfectly clear that Ole St. Nick is but a symbol of Christ and that Christ is the giver of every good and perfect gift, it is not a lie. I believe in Santa Clause and so do my three children, because to us he is the symbol of wisdom, love, generosity, impartiality, joy, peace, and happiness that comes through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Some feel that it would be better to substitute a manager for a tree, but is it not true that a manager can be as misleading as a tree? We do not worship a baby in a manger, but a risen, redeeming, returning Saviour.

Yes, in spite of the prostitution, commercialization, and exploitation of the Yule-tide Season, the Christ of Christmas continues steadfast and changeless in its meaning and potential blessing. There is no doubt that its benefits outweigh its abuses!

Home Foremost
Christmas is a season when

home is foremost in our thoughts. Christmas is a time for family reunion. In these few days, from every part of the land, thousands have been traveling back to the old home by bus, automobile, train, and airplane. Loved ones are together again, family ties are renewed. This one fact alone justifies the observance of Christmas.

Christmas is a time for music. Think how much of our best music, hymns, carols, oratorios, center around the Birth of our Lord.

Christmas is a season of sharing — our food, clothing, our time, our money, our love, our Lord. We live in a world that's saturated with suspicion, fear, and hatred and Christmas reminds men that God so loved the World that he gave His only begotten Son! Shall we dispense with Christmas? A thousand times "no!" The world needs it today as never before.

A new look at ... AUDIO-VISUALS

For the specific purpose of serving you better, the Baptist Sunday School Board has instituted a new audio-visual aids service program. The work of education and promotion in this field has been transferred from the Audio-Visual Aids Department to three other departments: the Training Union Department, the Sunday School Department, and the Church Library Service.

The workers transferred to the Sunday School and Training Union Departments will help correlate the use of audio-visual aids in the educational program of the Sunday school and Training Union in the churches and associations.

Audio-visual workers now in the Church Library Service will offer guidance for classifying, cataloging, and circulating audio-visual aids in the churches. The Audio-Visual Aids Department will now major on production.

With this reorganization, the Baptist Sunday School Board feels that you will be provided with much better assistance in the correlation of the use of audio-visual aids in your church.

This new plan emphasizes the fact that audio-visual aids are offered as aids to be integrated into every phase of your church program—not to take the place of any other method of teaching or worship.

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Bethel Church (Lowndes) Holds Dedication Service



BETHEL CHURCH (Lowndes) The scene is from a recent dedication service of the Bethel Church, Lowndes Association, which was organized in 1952 with 22 charter members. At present there are 182 members. In 1953 the church secured a

loan from the Home Mission Board for \$6,000. This indebtedness was paid off November 17 and the note was burned.

Shown from left to right: Rev. W. M. Daves, pastor; Rev. L. B. Wages, former pastor and organizer of the church; Lorice Weathers, Addisoberson, G. E. McAdams, Gen. Taylor, C. H. Mosley, W. C. McPherson, Arnold Rushing, L. Robertson, all deacons of Bethel Church. Deacons not pictured, R. H. Underwood, and B. Llandrum.

Responsibility To Child Is Scriptural

HE TOOK A CHILD

"And He took a child and set him in the midst of them; and when He had taken him in his arms, He said unto them, whosoever shall receive of such children in my name, receiveth me." — Mark 9:36-37.

OF SUCH IS THE KINGDOM

"And they brought young children to Him, that He touch them... and Jesus... said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me; forbid them not; for of such is the Kingdom of God. — Mark 10:13-14.

DONE IT UNTO ME

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me." — Matthew 25:40.

GIVE AND ...

"Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure pressed down, and shaken together, and running over..."

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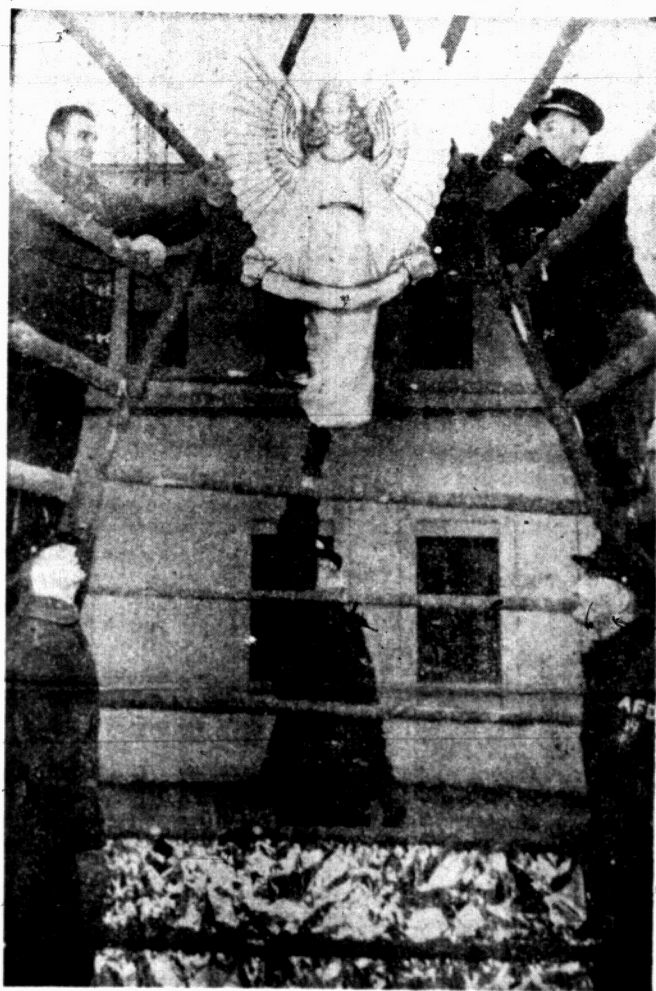
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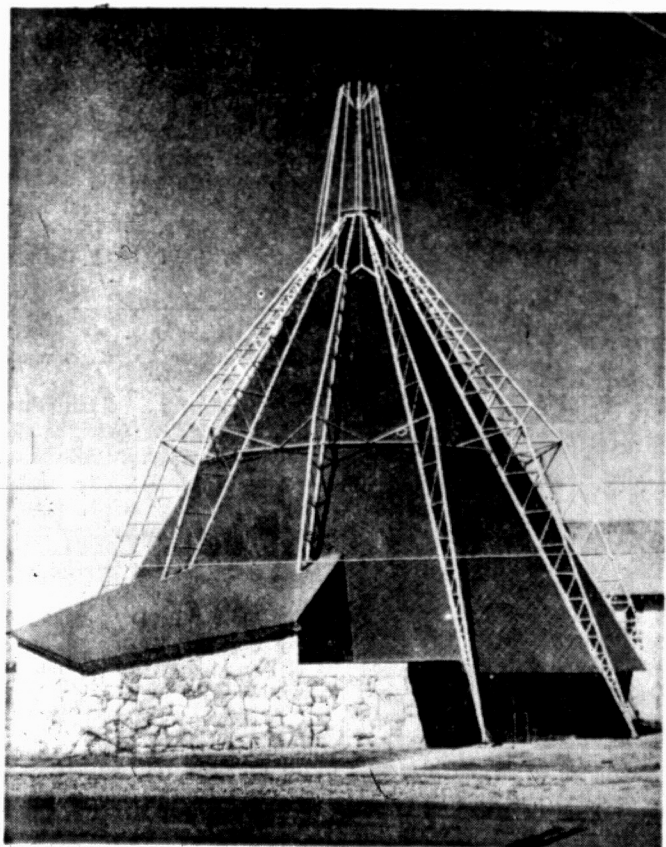
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COUNTY COURTHOUSE HAS CHRISTMAS CROSS
—MIAMI—Strings of lights seven stories high form this Christmas cross outside the Dade County Courthouse here. An appropriation of \$950 to keep the cross lit every night during the holiday season was approved by the county commission. The cross was erected at the suggestion of the Miami-Dade County Chamber of Commerce.—(RNS Photo)



ALASKA FIREMEN ERECT NATIVITY SCENE
—ANCHORAGE, Alaska—Every year members of the Anchorage Fire Department erect a Nativity scene on the lawn of the City Hall here. Some of the firemen are shown placing an angel in the creche. The firemen have undertaken the Christmas project voluntarily for a number of years.—(RNS Photo).



UNUSUAL TEEPEE CHURCH—EDMOND, Okla.—One of the most unusual churches in the country is this Hopewell Baptist church near here, better known as "The Teepee Church." In the midst of Oklahoma's rich oil fields, it was built by its congregation of 250 persons, mostly oil workers and their families. The church's architecture blends the theme of the Indian and that of the oil industry. It is built like a huge cone, 50 feet high, mainly from oil well piping or tubes, and corrugated tin. Twelve pipe trusses on the outside, symbolic of the 12 Apostles, support the church's height. Inside the church, light, obtained through plate glass windows around the cone's peak, spills down on the congregation in true Indian fashion.—(RNS Photo).

Jackson's Calvary Church Over-Subscribes Budget of \$269,889

The Calvary Baptist Church has just completed a four-weeks Financial Program of Church Finance which at the present time has resulted in 2114 people pledging a total of \$283,404.60.

Of this amount, 1295 tithers pledged \$206,280.61. In addition to the budget goal of \$269,889.50, building fund pledges for \$125,000.00 for the same period have already been received.

Construction is being completed on the \$630,000.00 educational building the opening date of which will be announced in the immediate future.

Religious Question To Be Left Out Of 1960 Census

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—The 1960 population census will not include any question on religious affiliation, Robert W. Burgess, director of the Census Bureau, announced here.

"The primary reason for this decision," he said, "is recognition that at this time a considerable number of persons would be reluctant to answer such a question in the census where a reply is mandatory."

"Under the circumstances it was not believed that the value of the statistics based on this question would be great enough to justify overriding such an attitude. Cost factors also were a consideration."

Mr. Burgess said this decision "does not deal with the question of inclusion of an inquiry on religion, on perhaps a modified basis, in later censuses." Nor, he said, does it deal with the "publication of information based on an inquiry on religion asked of a national sample of individuals on a voluntary basis."

He pointed out that a survey of the latter type was carried out last March, covering a nationwide sample of about 35,000 households. Mr. Burgess said the results of this survey are now being prepared for publication.

The Census Bureau had been considering including the question, "What is your religion?" in the 1960 census. A number of national Protestant and Jewish groups strongly opposed such an inquiry on the grounds that it would violate the separation of Church and State and constitute a grave invasion of privacy.

Some religious groups favored such a question as a means of securing valuable statistical information.

1958 HANDBOOK TO SHOW SBC AVAILABLE SERVICES

NASHVILLE, (BP)—The 1958 Southern Baptist Handbook will offer a list of services which agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention have available for use by churches, associations, and states.

This new feature developed from an offer made by J. P. Edmunds, director of survey, statistics, and information for the Baptist Sunday School Board here. The department edits the Handbook.

Edmunds' offer was accepted by the Southern Baptist Executive Committee.

Executive Committee To Study Proposed Changes

NASHVILLE — (BP) — The Southern Baptist Executive Committee plans to hold a special meeting Jan. 23-24 to discuss further proposed changes in the Executive Committee's functions.

The changes have been proposed by the Southern Baptist Committee to Study Total SBC Program.

Members of the Executive Committee heard proposed changes outlined at their December session here by H. L. Wilsey, a representative of the management consultants, Booz, Allen & Hamilton of Chicago. This firm is working with the Convention Committee.

After listening to the proposed changes members of the Executive Committee said they felt they needed time to study

the firm's proposals before discussing them.

New Commission

One of the major suggested changes was organization of a new Southern Baptist Commission on Stewardship and Promotion would handle stewardship promotion functions now in the hands of the Executive Committee.

Wilsey said the Survey Committee and consultant firm were recommending that the Executive Committee, after reorganization, not be in charge of promoting any programs itself.

Members of the Committee to Study Total SBC Program said the proposals discussed by Wilsey did not necessarily constitute the final recommendations the Committee will make to the Southern Baptist Convention session at Houston.

Louie Newton Elected President Of Protestants and Other Americans

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—Dr. Louie D. Newton of Atlanta, Ga., was elected president of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State at a meeting of its board of trustees here.

He succeeds Dr. Charles Clayton Morrison, retired editor of the Christian Century, who was named honorary president.

Dr. Newton, pastor of Druid Hills Baptist church in Atlanta, and former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, was a founder of POAU ten years ago.

Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of Washington, D. C., and Dr. John A. Mackay, president of Princeton Theological

Seminary were re-elected vice-presidents. Dr. Joseph M. Dawson of Waco, Texas, retired executive secretary of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, was named vice-president emeritus.

Three Protestant clergymen were elected to the board of directors. They are Dr. Theodore H. Palmquist, pastor of Foundry Methodist church, Washington, D. C.; Dr. W. Stanley Rycroft, secretary for Latin America, Board of Foreign Missions, Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.; and Dr. Frank W. Blackwelder, pastor of All Souls Protestant Episcopal church, Washington, D. C.

President Eisenhower 'Astonished' At Nation's Neglect of Prayer Day

President Eisenhower told a New York pastor that he was "astonished to find, upon going to my own church at 8:30 that morning (last October 2), that only a handful of people were present." The nationwide ignorance of the presidential proclamation had been noted by many preachers and newspaper editors, most of whom were honest enough to place the blame where it belongs—on their own doorstep—since they had neglected to provide adequate publicity.



ADORATION OF THE SHEPHERDS—This is a reproduction of "The Adoration of the Shepherds" by Giacomo Bassano, 16th century Italian painter of the Venetian school. The painting hangs in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.—(RNS Photo).



CRECHE IN CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL—BOSTON—This life-size Nativity scene, flanked by two "Advent Angels," is featured in the annual Christmas Festival on historic Boston Common here. Other festival exhibits include a "Christmas Chapel" where concerts are held in the afternoons and evenings, and two rows of 12 fir trees lighted with hundreds of tiny electric bulbs, designated as the "Avenue of the Apostles." Theme of the festival is "Keep Christ In Christmas."—(RNS Photo).



THE EASTERN STAR—"We have seen his star in the east, and have come to worship him." Mat. 2:2—(RNS Photo).

EDITORIALS

"... The Lord Has Come!"

"In the year from the creation of the world, when in the beginning God created heaven and earth, five thousand, one hundred and ninety-nine; From the flood, two thousand, nine hundred and fifty-seven; From the birth of Abraham, two thousand, five hundred and thirty-two; In the sixty-fifth week according to the prophecy of Daniel; In the one hundred & ninety-fourth Olympiad; In the year seven hundred & fifty-two from the founding of the city of Rome; In the fifty-second year of the empire of Octavian Augustus, when the whole world was at peace; In the sixth age of the world, JESUS CHRIST, eternal God, and Son of the eternal Father... Is born in Bethlehem of Juda, having become man of the virgin Mary."

The Proclamation of Christmas above is from some anonymous Christian reputed to have lived in the Sixth Century.

The scholarly readers among us today will doubtless want to disagree with some of this dating of ancient history. Even so, at this Christmastide none among us who are His disciples will want to disagree with the emphasis of this incomparable sentence. At long last it has happened! There is joy here for all the world—"the Lord has come."

Merry Christmas!

Several hundred times during the next few days you will receive the familiar holiday greeting, Merry Christmas!

A simple exclamation, often lightly expressed, but packed with overtones of meaning that only a Christian can fully catch.

In the *Rockefeller Center Weekly* Merle Crowell had some profound and beautiful things to say on the subject: "Wish there were some new way to say Merry Christmas."

Twice today I have overheard that remark. And each time I have said reverently to myself: "Thank God, there isn't."

The spirit of Christmas is as simple as the heart of a child.

It needs no new slogan and no special sales effort. No advertising agent can lend new glamour to its ancient magic.

It is as elemental as the sun and the wind and the rain, as the stars that glowed on Galilee one holy night and now shed their same steady light on an older and perhaps a wiser world.

No, there is no new way of saying Merry Christmas. Nor would we want one.

The tree you will deck is the same as all the trees of its kind that have stood on all the hills since the world was young.

The joy in a child's eye on Christmas morning is the joy that has filled the eyes of children since Christmas became an annual institution.

Back of the gifts and the gaiety is an immemorial spirit of good will to men.

Christmas is still Christmas. In a world awry with changes let us give thanks for one precious permanency!

The Grandeur and the Glory

In a little book written by Charles Allen and Charles Wallis entitled "Christmas In Our Hearts" the message of Christmas is set forth with rare beauty and power.

"The Christmas story is serenely simple," they write. "It cannot be complicated with philosophizing or with argument; it defies analysis and silences calculation. It is as simple as the silent dawn, as unbelabored as the bursting rose, as unsophisticated as a child's cry, as spontaneous as a child's laughter."

"God through the centuries has manifested Himself in diverse and complex ways. We see an evidence of Him in the perfection of a mathematical formula and in the order of a distant galaxy; we hear Him speak through the profound utterances of noble minds and in the erudite thoughts of great theologians. But Christmas is like none of these. Christ is as simple as childhood and as beautiful."

"When God," they continue, "made His most benevolent gesture of fatherly love, His giving of a Son, He wanted to be understood by all men. But no flaming chariot bore Jesus from highest heaven. No mighty cannonade announced His appearing. There were no bugles, no treading of armies, none of the grandeur and glory we should devise for so remarkable an event."

"Christ came into the world as a baby. He left the world thirty-three brief years later when He was in the vigor and beauty of noble and consecrated young manhood. From that day to this, there has been no more wonderful expression of God's heart than the promise of childhood and the fulfillment of maturity. All life has become more precious, more consecrated and less expendable because of Him who has shown us the possibilities that lie within our human nature."

Can we not all agree with their conclusion? "Christmas is a simple story, divinely simple yet profoundly inspiring showing what life may mean for each of us."

A New Look After Christmas

Beginning the first week in January the Baptist Record will greet its 81st year with a new dress. We hope you will like it.

In an effort to keep your paper up-to-date, abreast of the times, interesting and attractive the newest and best of journalism's procedures will be put into effect.

The "new look" will be just that. A new "look," a better, more readable appearance. Changes will be made in layout and typography to add to reader-interest, comfort and ease.

New, modern type faces will be employed. Other smaller, less noticeable adaptations will be made to give a cleaner, neater presentation.

With the distinctive seven-column format that has received such wide acceptance, it is the purpose of all this neo-journalism to improve your paper and make it more enjoyable and helpful to you.

The changes that will be made are the results of several months of study including a lengthy analysis by one of the leading professional organizations in the country, Butler Typo-Research Clinic of Mendota, Illinois.

The changes will not be radical. Many of them having to do with the minutiae of newspaper style will not even be noticed except to the trained eye. Since true artistry is in the concealment of art, we dare to hope that all of this methodology will quickly fade into the background, leaving a clearer, more forceful presentation of the great work of the Kingdom of our Lord.



The Baptist Forum

Paul A Bachelor?

Twice lately in a church group the question has been brought up and discussed "that Paul, being a member of the Sanhedrin" had to have been married, therefore having lost a wife either by death or divorce, etc. I have taken and expressed the view that he was NOT a member of the Sanhedrin, but was employed by that body therefore probably a bachelor. I am never satisfied to drop things until I've reached a satisfactory conclusion about it; so please do take a little of your limited time and help me with this puzzle and I shall be forever grateful.

Mrs. R. J. Hachett
Holly Bluff

ANSWER: Nobody knows for sure whether Paul was a bachelor (although I am inclined to believe it) or a divorcee or a widower. He may have been a member of the Sanhedrin—he speaks of "casting his vote." Membership would not have required any particular marital status. His role of inquisitor and chief persecutor of the Christians does not prove either his membership in or his employment by the Sanhedrin. The situation will probably remain a puzzle until the end of time. Meanwhile, compliments to you and your class for a high degree of scholarly curiosity! At some point in the Great Beyond I want to sit down with Paul beside the tideless sea and talk with him for a year or two. Until that time I cannot give you a final answer to these questions.

—Editor

Questions Raised

Noted in the Baptist Record—a recent issue—that the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention is asking the Executive Committee of the Convention to pay an Associate Secretary, who will probably be a traveling representative of the Committee, and to enable the Committee to collect statistics on liquor, divorce and other things.

This Commission is very unpopular with many Baptists in Mississippi because they understand that it was the author and advocate of the integration resolution passed by the convention in 1954; and it is unfortunate that the allotment of more money for duplicating what many agencies are already doing should come up just when gifts to the Cooperative Program are being considered in many Mississippi churches. Could you advise your readers more about the necessity and benefit of this? Or does it matter so far as we are concerned?

A. S. Bozeman,
304 Lamar Building
Meridian, Miss.

REPLY: During 1957 the Christian Life Commission received \$20,000 from the Cooperative Program. In 1958 it will receive \$21,000. This past week (December 10) the Finance Committee (Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins of Jackson is a member) of the Executive Committee of the

Pages From The Past

By J. L. Boyd, Sr.

50 YEARS AGO

In his last word for the year, Editor T. J. Bailey appeals to all writers to the Baptist Record during the coming year as follows: "Let our articles not bear the mark of *Parvum in multo* but *Multum in parvo*, then they will prove to be *Pro bono publico*."

The editor laments thus: "The number of human beings destroyed annually is enormous. The number murdered, starved, poisoned, killed in railroad wrecks and runaway teams, by machinery and explosions of all kinds is appalling."

Three hundred were added to the churches in Meridian from an evangelistic campaign led by Home Board Evangelist W. W. Hamilton, and the meeting "left a fine Baptist atmosphere in the entire city."

The W. M. U. of the Southern Baptist Convention has set the goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering at \$25,000.00, and it is all to be for mission work in China.

40 YEARS AGO

The girls of Womans College at Hattiesburg celebrated a "Fast" instead of a Feast. Assembling in the gym on a Saturday evening the items of a Menu were called out, all in all fit for a king, and a group of girls enacted a "stunt," each one illustrative of a particular item on the Menu, and then deposited an amount of money into a box, and this was distributed to the needy in the area. (An example of self-denial.)

25 YEARS AGO

Pastor Robert L. Lemons of the Lowrey Memorial Church, Blue Mountain, reports a very successful revival meeting during which Rev. J. W. Mayfield did the preaching, which resulted in twenty-two accessions, nine of them by baptism.

For a change: "This man" said the keeper softly, "imagines he has millions."

"Lucky fellow!" responded the visitor, "Whenever he needs money all he has to do is to draw on his imagination."

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G. KEARNE KEEGAN,
Secretary, Student
Department, Nashville

From the Beginning

I can't get along without the Baptist Record. It has been coming in our family, I think, ever since it was first printed. I love the paper. Enclosed you will find a check.

Lizzie Gooch Pittman,
Oakland, Miss.

Students

In this hour of world crisis when our nation as never before is looking to the academic community to provide the solution to its scientific dilemma, may we magnify the God of all creation in the minds of our students now in college.

We recognize the place of science and technology in the modern world but we also recognize its limits. We cannot afford to allow this new emphasis on science to supplant in the minds of students their need for Christ who is all wisdom and truth. Apathy to this challenge could produce tragic consequences for the future.

May we suggest that you make much of Student Night at Christmas in your church. En-

18TH CENTURY BAPTIST PRESS SOUTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS AID NEW ENGLAND BRETHREN

CHARLESTON, S. C. 1775 — (BP) — South Carolina Baptists, indebted to the Baptists of New England for much of their heritage, are making the most of an opportunity to repay that debt by answering an urgent call for help.

New England Baptists, particularly those in Massachusetts, are suffering from religious persecution by the state and the established church. South Carolina Baptists are responding to appeals for financial aid for the New Englanders.

The Carolinians have had a close kinship with their northern brethren for almost a century, as a congregation from Maine ninety years ago established the first Baptist church in South Carolina. Even then the New England Baptists were suffering from oppression.

Baptists made a brave attempt to establish a church in Kittery, Maine, nearly one hundred years ago but faced relentless persecution at the hands of the established church and civil authorities.

William Screven was pastor of the Kittery congregation. He was arrested repeatedly for preaching Baptist doctrines in Maine, and members of his congregation were fined and otherwise persecuted for attending Baptist services.

Screven and the First Baptist Church of Kittery finally left Maine as a body and settled in South Carolina in the 1680's. The Baptist minister was threatened with banishment before he left New England.

Although the New Englanders found life harsh in the South Carolina wilderness, religious freedom was worth the sacrifice. The church flourished and in 1751 the Charleston Association was formed by four Baptist churches.

The association has pioneered in evangelism and education. John Gano has served the association well as a missionary and the Carolinians have generously supported Rhode Island College, Baptists' first institution of higher learning.

While Baptists here and in other colonies are aiding New England Baptists in fighting for religious freedom, persecution has not been limited to that section by any means. Baptists from Maine to Georgia have suffered abuse and oppression.

Baptists have been whipped and driven out of New England, jailed in Virginia, and mistreated in Georgia. Rhode Island, founded by Baptist Roger Williams, is one of the few places where they have escaped persecution.

The ordeal of oppression has only strengthened Baptists, however, and united them in a

Counselor's Corner

By Dr. R. Lofton Hudson



"PING-PONG AT CHURCH"

QUESTION: I would like your opinion of games in a church. Our young people play ping-pong in the church basement, or did, until a group of older ladies in our church decided it was wrong. In order to avoid trouble our pastor took the ping-pong table out. Now our young people go to the Methodist and Presbyterian churches several week nights to play games there.

ANSWER: I don't blame your young people. They know that there is nothing wrong with playing in the church basement. How could they respect a church that places more emphasis on the opinions of the eighty year olds rather than the eighteen's? But what a pity that your church missed the boat "in order to avoid trouble!"

Neither do I blame the pastor altogether. If he had taken a stand, this same "group of old ladies" would probably have started a movement to oust him. Not all older ladies are like this, thank God.

What, then, is the solution? Some courageous men and women in the Church who will provide proper recreation in the church for young people, and stand by a pastor who does something more than preaching against wrong kind of recreation.

(Address questions to Dr. Hudson, 116-W. 47th St., Kansas City, Missouri)

Calendar of Prayer

December 23 — William Powell, Perry Association Training Union Director; W. E. Clayton, Lauderdale Association Brotherhood President.

December 24 — Rev. A. R. Smith, Choctaw - Zion Association Missionary; James C. Redding, Desoto Association Missionary.

December 25 — Mrs. T. W. Hembre, Greene Association W. M. U. Pres.; Mrs. W. W. Fulton, Miss. College faculty.

December 26 — Willard Stanford Street, Blue Mountain College faculty; T. L. Everett, Clarke College faculty.

December 27 — C. C. Randle, Zion Association Sunday School Supt.; Mrs. R. R. Darby, Perkinson Junior College, BSU Director.

December 28 — Joe Abrams, Baptist Building; Jeanette Anderson, Baptist Building.

December 29 — Mrs. Joel Barr, Baptist Building; David C. Yang, William Carey College faculty.

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Young people from 14 to 16 years of age are two years advanced over their counterparts of ten years ago in their dating patterns and vocational choices, the executive director of the National Council of Churches' youth department reported here.

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LOUISVILLE WORKERS EQUIP DEPARTMENTS

Workers of First Baptist Church, Louisville have recently given some of their elementary departments a new look according to a letter recently received from Mrs. Oscar Ming, one of the workers there.

The letter was addressed to Mrs. Graham Spearman of Birmingham, Alabama, who early in September taught the Nursery, Beginner and Primary workers of the association in a Central Training School held at First Baptist Church, Louisville. Enclosed were pictures showing the equipment and some of the children learning through creative activity.

Mrs. Ming reports "Mrs. Jayroe and I made the home living equipment ourselves and Mr. McKay, our Educational Director, had our nature shelf and

our book rack made for us. Some of the other ladies helped make curtains and with all of us working together, we now have a department which we are very proud of. We are enjoying our work so much more in Sunday School and Training Union and feel we are accomplishing much more in our teaching. The children are really enjoying it too. I just thought you might like to have these pictures and also to know how much you helped us here in our work for the Lord."

Perhaps one shouldn't moralize at such a time but here is evidence of the good that can be accomplished through the Central Training Schools promoted both by the Sunday School and Training Union Departments. Here is evidence of what workers can do for themselves when inspired and instructed (which is much better than their having things done for them). Here is also the encouraging note of support and leadership through the ministry of religious education in a church.

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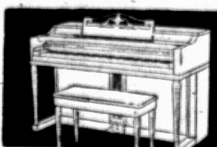
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Business Women To Be Enlisted
Miss Sue Tatum, state chairman of BWS's writes concerning the challenge of the unenlisted:

In a day when more women are employed outside the home it's a startling fact that only a round 4,000 Baptist business women are enrolled in Woman's Missionary Union in Mississippi. Consequently, not only is the business woman being deprived of the information, instruction and avenue of service afforded by WMU, but on the other hand the missionary program of our denomination is, therefore, being denied the interest, concern, prayers and financial participation of those women. It would appear, then, that a pressing problem is that of enlistment.

This situation in our state is not a peculiar one; many states find the same to be true. The first step in correcting the situation is the recognition of the existence of a problem. In many areas, the BWC's or "night circles" have found for the first time this year by practice that enlistment becomes more of a challenge when ALL circles of a WMS (including BWC's or "night circles") follow the same pattern in the matter of determining circle membership. Sometimes this means that members of "night circles" which have been intact for years will find themselves in a different group. However many societies in our state where this has taken place this year for the first time testify that the "shuffling" of membership of "night circles" (in the same manner in which day circle membership is changed from year to year) has contributed immeasurably to a unity of purpose within their WMU.



YOU HAVE A DATE

Yes, you and your YWA's have a date to attend one of our YWA HOUSE PARTIES in February. Blue Mountain College will be the hostess group for the Northern Region (Districts 2, 3, 4, 5) February 7-9. Those of you who live in the Southern Region (Districts 1, 6, 7, 8) will journey to Hattiesburg February 14-16, where Carey College will serve as the hostess group. Make plans NOW to be in attendance during one of these weekends. There will be missionary speakers, denominational leaders and others to inspire you to greater heights in Young Woman's Auxiliary during the coming days.

THE BAPTIST RECORD
KEEPS MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST PEOPLE INFORMED.



NEW PASTOR AT RIVERSIDE, MONEY

Rev. Roy Myers resigned as pastor of Goodrum Memorial Church at Vicksburg, effective October 27, and accepted the call to Riverside Church at Money, in Leflore Association November 3.

During his pastorate at Goodrum there were 66 additions to the church and an increase in attendance. The church was led to give to the Cooperative Program. A Brotherhood was organized and a parsonage was built. Four deacons were ordained and a Young People's Training Union and Sunday School class were organized.

Rev. Myers is a 1956 graduate of Mississippi College. He is a native of Madden.

Mrs. Myers is the former Syble Goldman of Philadelphia. They have a 16-month old daughter, Sheila Denise.

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Forward Program of Church Finance

First Church, Morton,
Rev. N. F. Greer, Pastor

Budget	1957 — \$36,000.00
	1958 — \$49,348.24
Pledged	1957 — \$20,000.00
	1958 — \$42,380.00
Totals	1957 — 81
	1958 — 207
Total Pledged	485

Church Offerings have increased more than 37% for 1958. 65% those who pledged to Tithe. A total of 276 attended the Loyalty Dinner.

First Church, Holly Springs
Dr. Earl Kelly, Pastor

This church had used the professional "Double the Budget" plan and increased its budget by 75% in the preceding two years, from \$20,000 to \$35,000.

When the decision was made to use the Forward Program the budget was increased to \$41,000. In the new budget the Cooperative Program share was increased from 24.9% to 28%. There was a feeling on the part of the people that the budget was well balanced but some said that it was only a dream and that the church could not possibly reach it.

The statistics at the beginning of the campaign were: 490 resident members, 580 enrolled in Sunday School, 650 potential

pledgers, and 185 tithers.

The results of the campaign have been "fantastic" according to the pastor. The number of people who attended the Loyalty Dinner (365) almost doubled the number who attended the same dinner during the professional campaign. 99 6/10% of the budget was pledged on Pledge Day and the remainder arrived in the mail early the next morning. The church was in the unique position of having over subscribed the supper before the assignment supper. The canvas teams concentrated on selling tithing and pledging to the church instead of trying to raise a budget.

The figures on Victory Sunday revealed that 454 people had pledged, 290 of whom had pledged to tithe. The total amount pledged through Victory Sunday was \$47,190.00. Pledges are still coming in and it appears that the amount will go beyond \$48,000. There has been an increase of 35% in the budget and more than 100 new tithers have been enlisted. Several people who had been against any organized campaign of church finance in the past have become pledging tithers.

The pastor says, "The Forward Program works in the small county seat churches."

JERUSALEM — Refusal of a rabbi in Pardess Hanna to permit the child of a gentile mother to be buried in a Jewish cemetery there has created a controversy reaching up to the Cabinet.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — A plea to keep "Christ in Christmas" was voiced here by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

To All Our Friends

Blessed be your home, at Christmas!
Blessed be your dear ones, too!
And blessed be the friends who share
Your Christmas cheer with you!
May there be love behind each gift,
New joy in every song,
And may the Christ Child be with you
In Spirit—all year long!

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MUSEUM ACQUIRES 15th CENTURY RELIGIOUS MASTERPIECE — NEW YORK—This Flemish three-part painting of the Annunciation was acquired by the Metropolitan Museum of Art here for its Cloisters in Fort Tyron Park. Known as the Merode altarpiece, the triptych is believed to date from the third decade of the 15th century. It is the work of Robert Campin (the Master of Flemalle.) The masterpiece depicts an Annunciation scene with Mary undisturbed in the presence of the Archangel Gabriel. This scene is flanked by a picture of Joseph (right) and by portraits of the donors of the altarpiece (left).—(RNS Photo).

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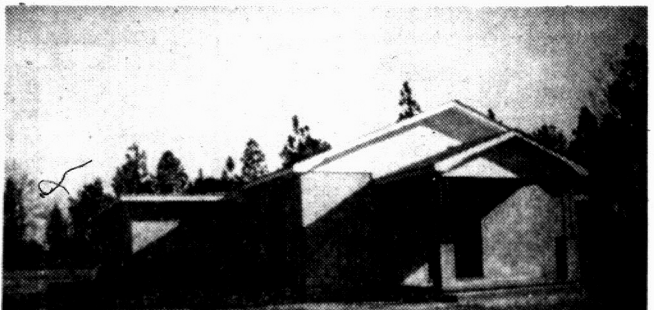
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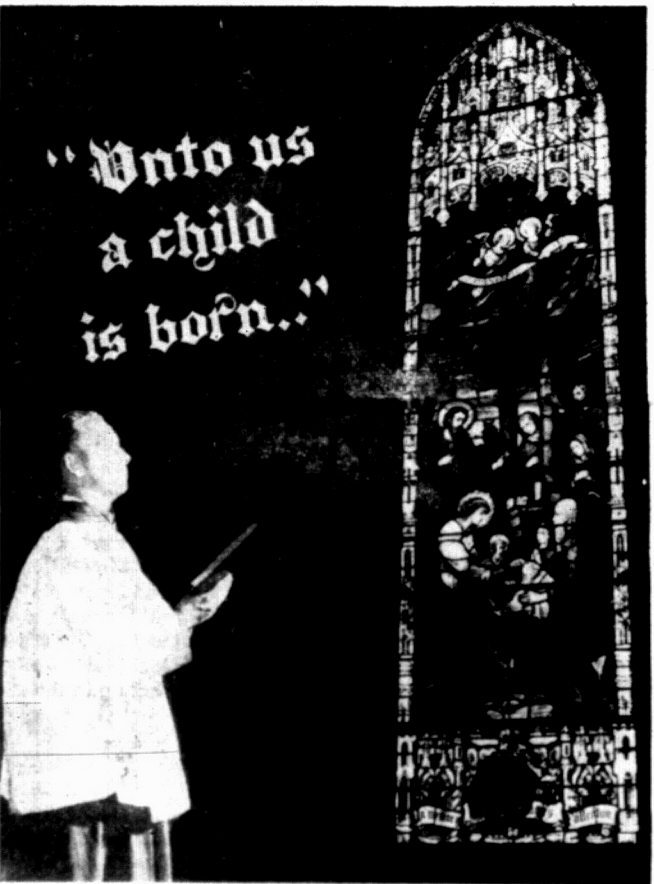
BAPTIST SINCE 1875 CELEBRATES 96TH BIRTHDAY



REACHES 96th BIRTHDAY—Shown above is Mrs. Cora Ferguson, member of the Friendship (West) Church near Sumner, who was recently honored on her 96th birthday.



EASTSIDE, RICHTON, DEDICATES BUILDING—The Eastside Church, near Richton, has recently dedicated its new building (above). A mission of First Church, Richton, Dr. W. M. Averett, pastor, has a central heating unit and is paid for, with exception of piano.



TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY—"Unto us a child is born..." and his name shall be called Wonderful." Is. 9:6.—(RNS Photo).

CIRCULATING-

With The Associate Editor

Associations 100% in Every-Family Plan Churches To Be Listed Jan. 2

The associations that are 100% in Every-Family Plan Baptist Record churches will be listed in the Jan. 2 issue of the Baptist Record.

Associations that lack only one church, those that lack two churches and those that are only three short of 100% will also be named.

A 100% Every-Family Plan Baptist Record association is one that has every church in the Every-Family Plan.

13 New EF Churches
The Circulator is happy to report the presence of 13 new churches in the Every-Family Plan column since our last report two weeks ago.

Seven of these came in by way of the Two-Month Free-Trial Offer now being featured by the Baptist Record.

If your church is not in the Every-Family Plan and would like to accept the Free-Trial Offer, please contact your associational superintendent of missions or write to the Baptist Record, Box 530, Jackson 5, Miss.

The first seven of the 13 new Every-Family Plan churches listed below came in through the Free-Trial Offer.

Old Montpelier Church, Clay Association. Rev. Curtis W. Jennings, pastor. 21 names.

Tinsley Church, Yazoo Association. Rev. John P. Vandercook, pastor. 49 names.

Escatawpa Church, Jackson Association. Rev. Ralph Young, pastor. 66 names.

Bowling Green Church, Holmes Association. Rev. Earl E. Brown, pastor. 12 names.

Easley Memorial Church, Panama Association. Rev. Jimmy Travis, pastor. 34 names.

Everette Chapel Church, Bolivar Association. 6 names.

Trinity Adds 23 Names
Trinity Church, Jones Association. Rev. Julian West, pastor. 23 names.

Lake Washington Church, Sharkey-Issaquena Assn. Rev. Jack A. Butler, pastor. 87 names.

Carnation Church, Chickasaw Association. Rev. G. C. Johnson, pastor. 12 names.

Magnolia Street Church, Laurel, Jones Association. Rev. Damon V. Vaughn, pastor. 131 names.

New Salem Church, Tishomingo Association. Rev. Dee Ortnor, pastor. 15 names.

Cliff Temple Church, Adams Association. Rev. Henry E. White, Sr., pastor. 34 names.

Providence Church, Attala Association. Rev. E. E. Brown, pastor. 16 names.

Mrs. Cora Ferguson, of near Sumner who recently celebrated her 96th birthday, united with the Enon Baptist Church by baptism in 1875, when she was 14 years old.

The Enon Church was organized in 1872 and was the first Baptist church in the west side of Tallahatchie County. It was located midway between Sumner and Webb on the banks of Cassidy Bayou, but was later moved to Sumner and became the First Baptist Church of Sumner.

During the same revival at Enon Church when Mrs. Ferguson gave her heart to the Lord, W. W. Ferguson, son of the evangelist for the revival, also accepted Christ as his Saviour. A few years later this young man and young woman became man and wife, and together they built a fine Christian home.

When the Friendship Church, located eight miles west of Sumner, was organized in 1912, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ferguson became charter members and donated the land for the building. They served the Lord faithfully in their church through the years. Mr. Ferguson passed away in 1947, but Mrs. Ferguson is still faithful in attendance at Friendship (West) Church when her health permits.

SCOUTS HONOR BROOKS HAYS

Congressman Brooks Hays, President of the Southern Baptist Convention, was given the highest honor it is possible for the National Boy Scouts of America to give by being awarded the Silver Buffalo at the 57 annual meeting, Philadelphia.

This very rare and highly coveted award — only a very few being given each year — is for extremely outstanding service to boyhood. There was 7 given in 1957.

Brooks Hays entered Scouting as a Scout in 1912 and has been a member of the National Council since 1946. He sponsored enabling legislation for the 2 national jamborees since 1950, visited the 6th World Jamboree in France, in 1947, and has been instrumental in arranging the Report to the Nation breakfasts.

Also, it is of interest to know that the late Dr. Geo. W. Truett was awarded the Silver Buffalo before his death.



Charles Dorris
Assistant Pastor
At Harrisburg
To Leave State

Rev. Charles Dorris has announced his resignation, effective December 31, as Assistant Pastor of the Harrisburg Church, Tupelo.

During the 22 months of his service he has been in charge of the music, education and youth programs of the church. In addition, he has assisted Rev. H. H. Aultman, pastor, with pastoral duties, and has preached in the absence of the pastor.

In addition to his Harrisburg duties, Mr. Dorris has served the Lee County Association as Clerk-Treasurer and Associational Training Union Director. He served as Secretary-Music Director of the N. E. Miss. Baptist Pastors Conference; and serves as a Special Recreation Consultant with the Church Recreation Service, a division of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. Dorris is a graduate of Howard College, Birmingham, and of Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. He has served as Music Director of Center Point Church, Birmingham, and Summer Assistant, First Church, Holly Springs, before coming to Harrisburg.

On January 1 he will join the staff of First Church, Florence, Alabama, as assistant to the pastor, Dr. Hudson Baggett.

Rome Church Has Profitable Sunday

Despite adverse harvesting conditions, the Rome Church, on Sunday, December 8, raised more than a sufficient amount of money to pay off the debt on the Educational building, constructed two years ago. In the past 27 months this church has raised over \$15,000 for the annex and for improvements on the church plant. Rev. R. W. Porter is pastor.

Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary PAUL D. BOOTHE, Associate
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary
MRS. JUDSON IRWIN, Office Secretary

CHRISTMAS TIME AGAIN

Since this is the last Christmas the present state Sunday school secretary will have the delightful privilege of writing a word for this column, he wants to use it as a means of expressing his most sincere thanks for all the kind things that have been done for, and said to, him and his family. He full well realizes how utterly impossible it is to even begin to express appreciation to all those who have helped and encouraged along the trail of nearly thirty-four years since he became associated with this department of our Baptist Convention Board. Yet, there is deep within our heart a sincere feeling of genuine gratitude for every act or deed done or word spoken for the benefit of the work to which we dedicated ourselves many years ago.

We certainly have not done all the things we had hoped for, but we can truthfully say that we have never quit trying. We have always known so well that there are so many good things yet to be attained, and we dedicated ourselves to the task of striving to make the Sunday School Department one that our people could think of with pride, because it was all for the purpose of promoting in a worthy manner all that Mississippi Baptists are trying to do, both at home and abroad.

And so, to pastors, superintendents, officers, teachers, educational directors, missionaries, pupils — all — we hereby extend our sincere thanks and deep gratitude for all you have done through these many years in helping us to carry forward this great part of the work of Baptists. There are times when words fail to adequately express

one's real feelings, and this is one of those times.

The Recent Convention

We have had several surprises in our life, but the one sprung on us at the recent State Convention will ever live as possibly the greatest of them all. We appreciate the recognition given us, and all the more so because we have never sought it. The only thing that we have really desired these years is the opportunity of serving. That has been the one and sole aim we have had, and it has brought to us joy unspeakable because God has given us the privilege of serving. People have been thoughtful and kind and considerate and helpful. They have shared with us as we have tried to serve. It was so kind and considerate of so many to have a part in the love offering that friends arranged. The secretary and his family appreciate it more than we can ever say. We shall try to use it in a manner that will be right and good, and all the time we shall think of you who gave it, and there will be in our hearts through the remaining years a feeling of genuine gratitude and thanksgiving for the good friends of the years who made it possible.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

We wish for each and all a most happy Christmas season, and that the blessings of God may be upon you abundantly.

May we all observe this season in the manner that we should, remembering whose birthday it is and that we have this memorable occasion because of the love of One who was willing to die that people in sin might have a way of light.

1959 Co-op. Program Budget Allocations

NASHVILLE (BP) Listed below are the proposed 1959 Cooperative Program operating and capital needs allocations to Southern Baptist Convention boards, commissions, and institutions.

Listed with them are the 1958 capital and operating budget figures which the Convention has already approved.

Agency	1958 Operating	1958 Capital	1959 Capital	1959 Operating
Foreign Mission Board	\$ 5,085,250	\$ 600,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 5,490,000
Home Mission Board	1,461,750	500,000	500,000(x)	1,500,000
			130,000(xx)	
*Relief and Annuity	325,000			325,000
**Southern Seminary	519,191		150,000	536,700
**Southwestern Seminary	551,442		200,000	562,700
**New Orleans Seminary	460,067		120,000	462,700
**Golden Gate Seminary	280,900	1,256,433	2,000,000	288,700
**Southeastern Seminary	388,400	358,567	200,000	416,700
**Midwestern Seminary	110,000		200,000	192,500
Radio & TV	300,000	100,000	200,000	335,000
American Seminary	65,000	35,000		70,000
Carver School	128,000			140,000
Southern Bapt. Hospital	25,000	150,000	50,000	25,000
Brotherhood	120,000		50,000	120,000
Public Affairs	24,500			28,000
Southern Baptist Foundation	27,500			30,000
Education Commission	35,000			41,000
Historical Commission	32,000			33,000
Christian Life Commission	21,000			23,000
***Convention Operating	185,000			180,000
	\$10,145,000	\$3,000,000	\$4,200,000	\$10,800,000

*—It is understood that all monies herein allocated to the Relief and Annuity Board will go direct to Ministerial relief with the understanding that special offerings in various states for this cause be discontinued.

**—It is understood that the operating budget of each of the six seminaries includes \$12,500 designated for the Seminary Extension Department.

***—Includes \$45,000 for Baptist World Alliance allocation 1958.

(x)—Church Extension Loan Funds (Home Mission Board).

(xx)—Capital Funds (Home Mission Board).



THE SHEPHERDS—"... and they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger." Luke 2:16 (Old painting, RNS Photo).



92-YEAR OLD SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER HONORED—WASHINGTON, D. C. —Mrs. Annie L. Sullivan of Briggs Baptist church here, a Sunday school teacher since she was 16, was given a birthday party by her friends on her 92nd birthday. She is shown with Rev. Harry A. McKnight, pastor of the church, viewing her birthday cake decorated like the history pages of a family Bible. Some 200 members were present at the anniversary reception in the church basement. Previously, Mrs. Sullivan and the congregation attended evening worship services conducted by Mr. McKnight. The nonagenarian teaches the church's Dorcas Bible class for women. She has four children, three grandchildren and three great grandchildren.—(RNS Photo).

RELIGIOUS REMARKABLES - - - By Scheel

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WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCES

When we think of missions we think of Matthew 28:19-20, "Go ye into all the world, and

preach the Gospel." We, as Baptists, believe in missions. We preach missions. We give to and support the missionary endeavor. When we think of missions we think of any endeavor for the promotion of the Kingdom of Heaven in the name of Christ. Therefore, we find ourselves thinking about foreign missions, home missions, state missions, associational-missions, and local missions. Where one stops and the other begins we are not able to clearly differentiate.

This year our Brotherhoods are being asked to especially co-operate in getting the men of the churches out to the evening sessions of the annual World Missions Conferences. Dr. Eugene L. Hill and Dr. F. H. Scofield from the Foreign Mission Board, will be with us for these conferences.

We feel confident that our men will give us full support. It is time now to get together and make up several carloads from your church and plan to attend the conference nearest or most convenient for you. We are counting on you.

The following is the program and the schedule of meeting places and dates for the evening sessions.

Program
7:00 Song and Praise
7:15 WORLD MISSIONS — Baptists Are Participating — Chester L. Quarles
7:40 WORLD MISSIONS — Men, Mind Your Business — L. Gordon Sansing
8:10 Special Music
8:15 WORLD MISSIONS — The World for Christ — Foreign Mission Speaker — 1st week — Eugene L. Hill; 2nd week — F. H. Scofield, Jr.

Schedule
January 20 — Louisville, First
January 21 — New Albany, First
January 23 — Clarksdale
January 24 — Belzoni, First
January 27 — Laurel, First
January 28 — Biloxi, First
January 30 — McComb, First
January 31 — Jackson, Northside

Brotherhoods Not "Good Deeds" Band — Nor "Little Helpers"
We have emphasized an idea in Brotherhood fundamentals to the point of being ridiculous. The idea is that Brotherhood doesn't have a program of its own. True, we do not have a program separate and distinct from the church, also, we prefer to cooperate with some other organization in carrying out a program. If a church doesn't have a program, it is fitting for some organization to step in and develop one.

Let's not waste our time waiting around to do "Good Deeds" as good as such might be — nor be known in the community as "Little Helpers." Paul said, "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things."

This Brotherhood Secretary does not believe that we should keep talking about not having a program. In fact, we have a program and have had for many

MY JOY IN CHRISTMAS

By S. L. MORGAN
Wake Forest, N. C.

My joy in the coming of Christmas, I'm sure, is far deeper and richer at fourscore years than it was when I was a child, excited over the coming of Santa Claus bearing gifts and good cheer.

More and more each year I want to tell others how to prepare to get out of our greatest holiday season the joy I find in it. For it does require preparation and a right attitude; also a resolve to do good to others.

First of all, we must find time to ponder the deep meaning of the season celebrating God's greatest gift to men. Be sure to read the wonderful story in the Gospels of the coming of Jesus and the deeds of kindness he did daily as "he went about doing good" (Acts 10:39). As we read, our hearts warm toward this matchless Son of man and a desire kindles to be good and kind, and to love and to forgive as he did. Our friends become dearer, and we want to tell them so. We are then prepared to send greetings and gifts from the heart and hardly can omit a tiny personal word which says "I love you."

In this spirit I find Christmas by one precious opportunity to reach out through my greetings to cement hundreds of friendships near and far. For more and more with the years I value the friendships of people next to the friendship of God.

Baptist Home Life magazine is scheduled to carry to its 800,000 readers in its February issue my article "Friendships as a Hobby." This is indeed my choicest hobby. I shall give hours and hours of the precious Christmas time and several of my few dollars to bind closer to me maybe a couple hundred friends, old and new, by means of tiny personal notes. I value them too much to be content with a bit of printed poetry and my cold signature. A greeting card cold like that always leaves me disappointed, and wishing, "If only he had said one word."

So I plead for greetings which cost at least a tiny personal note. I'm sure it pays, sure I've held many friendships intact for years by tiny notes out of my heart once a year. Many such notes go on mere postal cards, costing me two cents and two minutes, with results which often astonish me.

Simplest Greeting Cards
I plead for simple, cheap greeting cards, made rich by a message out of the heart. Let the rich, if they will, wire their greetings, or send cards costing 10 to 25 cents. I'm sure most of us do better to use two-cent postal cards "3-for-5," enriched by a heart message aimed at holding an old friend or at winning a new one. I try it out all the year through, hundreds writing me gratefully about my articles. I having to reply mainly on postal cards. Many lonely souls, often in the 80's or 90's, write back their gratitude for someone that cares — some year after year, for I cannot resist the appeal of their loneliness and heart-hunger. And who could deny a hungry heart a two-cent postal and two minutes to type a message!

And what a wonderful messenger a postal can be! Who can look back from the end of a year without wanting to thank many people for kindness during the year — and the years?

years. We have not implemented our program as we should but we have one. One of the civic clubs has this motto, "We do the thing that no one else is doing." We need this kind of spirit in Brotherhood.

There are several fields of endeavor into which Brotherhood can make itself count and not get in the way of anyone. In face, we should work in these avenues so diligently until other organizations might be our helpers. Why should we sit around and wait until someone requests our aid?

The following are major Brotherhood activities that we should be engaged in this year — right now.

Boys — Growing Better Royal Ambassador Chapters

Co-Operative Program — Strengthening State Missions

Evangelism — Visiting to Win Stewardship — A Year of Sharing

The tract, "Building Better Brotherhoods During 1958" deals more fully with these areas of activity.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

December 15, 1957

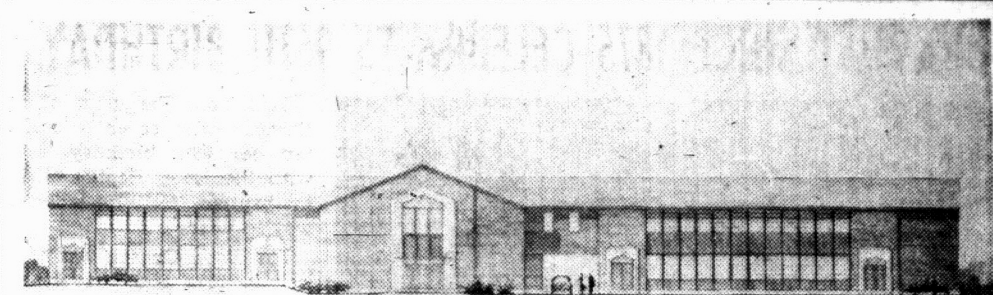
Aberdeen, First	395	101
Antioch (Rankin)	72	44
Biloxi, Emmanuel	230	113
Booneville, First	295	96
Brandon	347	172
Brookhaven, First	768	236
Halbert Heights	35	24
Bruce, First	268	67
Byram	241	58
Calhoun City, First	349	167
Charleston, First	333	140
Clarksdale	484	116
Cleveland, First	438	177
Main	396	
Chinese Mission	42	
Cleveland, Immanuel	186	114
Columbia, First	645	170
Columbus, First	1128	344
Main	966	267
Fairview	143	77
Jonestown Mission	19	
Crystal Sprs., First	612	200
Enon (Panola)	109	95
Furrs (Pontotoc)	90	47
Glenfield (Union Co.)	87	52
Greenville, First	911	301
Main	840	
Chinese Mission	71	
Greenville, Parkview	312	134
Greenwood, North	344	115
Grenada, Emmanuel	219	85
Gulfport, Grace Mem.	299	104
Gulfport, First	874	305
Green Grove (Lin.)	142	101
Hattiesburg, Main St.	1035	468
Main	1008	
Mission, Main St.	24	
Mission, Calvary	3	
Hattiesburg, 38th Ave.	179	108

Jackson:		
Midway	272	113
Crestwood	606	351
Van Winkle	712	310
First	1423	441
Ridgecrest	595	272
Daniel Mem.	1005	408
Hillcrest	336	186
Southside	256	153
Highland	167	114
Northside	758	188
Calvary	1516	554
Main	1480	535
Mission	36	29
West	410	175
Broadmoore	554	221
Parkway	932	498
Kosciusko, First	697	164
Main	664	
Maple Mission	33	
Laurel, First	624	174
Laurel, South	840	56
McComb, Centra	201	61
McComb, Locust St.	109	40
McComb, South	281	114

Meridian:		
First	819	200
Fifteenth Ave.	564	243
Key Field	136	72
(Oakland Hts.)	304	116
(Arrowood Mission)	80	37
State Boulevard	346	118
Eighth Avenue	198	83
Poplar Sprs. Drive	450	157
Grandview Chapel	33	28
Forty-First Ave.	345	144
Highland	579	221
(South Side)	435	172
(Fulton Ave. Mission)	44	36
Morton, East	121	101
Morton, First	234	107
Moselle	170	69
Murphy Crk. (Winston)	131	86
Natchez, First	652	240
Neshoba	95	62
New Albany, First	657	264
Main	594	211
Northside Mission	63	53
Newton	457	239
Olive Branch	466	89
Pascagoula, Eastlawn	300	196
Pascagoula, First	824	263
Main	744	235
McArthur Chapel	70	28
E. Wash. Ave. Chapel	10	
Pearl	251	136
Petal, Crestview	53	43
Petal-Harvey	394	195
Main	346	157
Harvey Mission	48	38
Petal, Temple	186	70
Picayune, First	572	231
Main	561	
Mission	11	
Pocahontas	41	
Purvis, First	225	85
Raworth (Scott)	22	24
Ripley, First	313	107
Ruleville	287	115
Ruth	53	55
Scobba	60	32
Star (Rankin)	119	86
Steen's Crk. (Rankin)	241	121
Tupelo, First	449	110
Tupelo, Harrisburg	559	245
Union, First	348	117
Wayside (Yalobusha)	44	31
Winona, First	379	153
Main	336	108
Mission	43	45

December 8, 1957		
Enon (Panola)	107	85
Hattiesburg, Immanuel	348	150
Hernando	189	78
Houston, First	367	156
Moselle	158	66

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Entertainer Bob Crosby says the best way to raise the moral standards of movies would be to get top actors and actresses to improve their scripts.



Ridgecrest Church Has Substantial Growth Since Its Beginning In 1953

Ridgecrest Church, Jackson, observed its fourth anniversary on Sunday, December 15 with a surprise tribute to Rev. Fred Tarpley, on his fourth anniversary as pastor.

The accompanying photo is an architect's drawing of the church plant as it will appear at the end of 1958 following construction of one of the units which will begin soon.

This suburban church is located in North Jackson and started as a mission of First Baptist Church under the direction of the Hinds County Mission program.

From an humble beginning in a small house, they then worshipped in a tent one winter until the first unit of their permanent plant was erected. The young church then drew plans and let a contract before it was three months old. The church has recently let a contract for the third unit of its permanent building, which when completed will be able to provide for 1,000 in Sunday School.

In the long range plan is an auditorium seating 1,400, another educational unit and activities building. The church recently pledged \$104,000 on a \$98,300 budget for 1958.

1141 In Sunday School
The church now has 1,141 enrolled in Sunday School and 455 enrolled in Training Union. It has 777 members.

The pastor's anniversary coincides with the church's anniversary since he has been its only pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Tarpley have three children, all boys, Joe and



Artist Develops Evangelism Theme

Dr. Leonard Sanderson, left, looks on as artist develops the theme, "New Life for You," which has been adopted for the 1959 Evangelism Emphasis of the Jubilee Advance Committee for at least seven Baptist groups in North America.

Sanderson, who is also Secretary of the Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, has been elected as chairman of the Evangelism Emphasis.



NEW PASTOR AT LIBERTY

Rev. Herbert L. Redd, former pastor of Fellowship and Blythe Creek Churches, Mathiston, has been called as pastor of the Liberty Church, Winston, Association. He began his ministry there December 8.

Mr. Redd is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. He served as a Chaplain in the U. S. Army during the Korean conflict.

Rev. and Mrs. Redd have three sons, Hebert, Jr., 6; Sanny, 4; and Larry, 2.

Leeman at home and Fred, Jr. in college.

Mr. Tarpley was superintendent of missions for Hinds County Association prior to accepting the Ridgecrest Church.

The church has the following staff: Educational Director, Joseph M. Haynes; Music Director,

Charles Richey; Kindergarten Director, Mrs. Hester Blaine; Assistant Kindergarten Director, Mrs. Luther Meadows; Church Secretary, Mrs. Claude Haney; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Jerry Morse; Organist, David Morgan; and Janitor, Emmett Bracey.

Music Department

W. C. MORGAN, Secretary

Reports on Music Planning Meetings

The Music Department in co-operation with the Sunday School Board has just completed a massive planning meeting schedule.

On September 30, 1957, twenty of our Ministers of Music in various sections of the state met in Jackson for a preparation day meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to help in an effort to hold a planning meeting in every Association in the State. Up to date 53 Associations have held planning meetings. This gives us a record attendance of our Association Officers.

Forty-two of our Associations either set the Associations School of Music or have set a tentative date for the school in 1958. Our Associational officers strength in Mississippi now stands at its highest peak, which makes the music work better in our State.

Our department is grateful for your help and assistance given us in this great massive organizational program.

Carol Choir Festival

February 8, 1958
The first registration has reached our office for the Carol Choir Festival to be held at Mississippi College on February 8, 1958. The choir is from the First Baptist Church of Quitman, Mississippi. Miss Gordy Hughes is the Minister of Mu-

sic. The Pastor of the Quitman Church is Rev. W. L. Meadows who is president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

We are expecting 1,000 Junior Boys and Girls at our first festival and the registration from Quitman should stimulate many choirs from all over our State to register and attend.

The numbers to be used in this festival are listed below. Secure your copies as soon as possible and start working now. "Let Us Gladsome Mind" by Warner, C. C. Birchard, Publisher, Boston, No. 2063.

"O Come Let Us Worship" by Muller, Edwin H. Morris Co., New York 19, New York, No. 4060.

"The Lord's Prayer," by Camilleri, H. W. Gray, Co., New York, No. 1580.

"O Savior Sweet," by Bach, Arr. by Dickinson, H. W. Gray Co., New York, No. 211.

"Prayer of Norwegian Child," Kountz G. Shimer, New York, New York, No. 9569.

"The World Itself Keep Easter Day," Reynolds, Church Musician, Mar. 57.

"O Come Ye Children Let Us Sing," Greitter — Faircloth, Church Musician, Jan. 57.

"O Sons and Daughters Let Us Sing," Tallis Canon-Faircloth, Church Musician, Feb. 56.

"O Word of God Incarnate," Cram, Church Musician, June, 1956, also Broadman Hymnal.

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Three Sessions For Each Daily Conference
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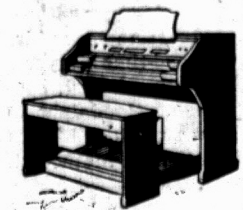
Monday, Jan. 20 Louisville First
Tuesday, Jan. 21 New Albany First
Thursday, Jan. 23 Clarksdale Church
Friday, Jan. 24 Belzoni First
Monday, Jan. 27 Laurel First
Tuesday, Jan. 28 Biloxi First
Thursday, Jan. 30 McComb First
Friday, Jan. 31 Jackson Northside

(Note: Jan. 31 meeting was originally scheduled for Crystal Springs but changed to Jackson Northside.)

MAGNIFICENT TONE

SURPRISINGLY LOW COST

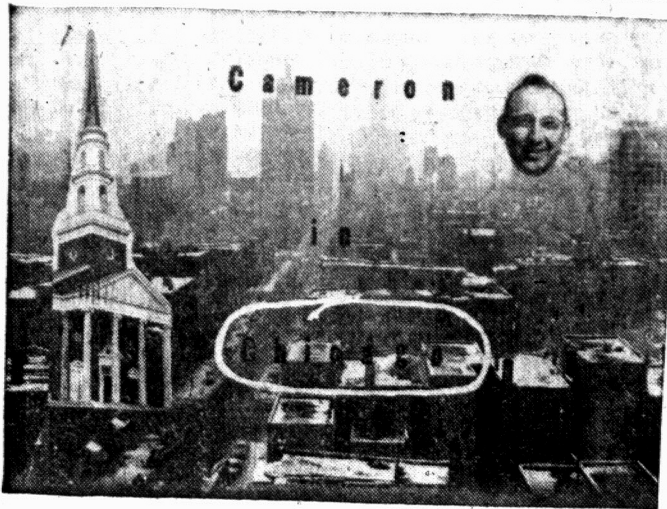
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"Cameron In Chicago"

"Cameron in Chicago" means Southern Baptist churches in Chicago. Harold Cameron having recently been approved by the Home Mission Board as superintendent of City Missions in Illinois' greatest metropolis, great things can be expected to happen for the Kingdom of God.

Popular with Illinois Baptists, Cameron was selected by the State Association to preach the annual sermon in 1958. His accomplishments and experience have prepared him for his part in the Home Mission Board's "Operation — Big Cities." Noel M. Taylor, executive secretary of the Illinois Baptist State Association, said, "It is highly ap-

propriate that Chicago, a city of six million people, should be chosen as the first of the Big Cities to be entered by the Home Mission Board. No less fitting is the choice of Harold E. Cameron to be superintendent of City Missions in Chicago where already there are 66 Southern Baptist churches. One of the most effective missionaries in the Southern Baptist Convention, Cameron, in the past five years, has helped organize 39 new churches, a record of one new church every six weeks for five years. Having worked for the last five years in Chicago and its suburbs, he is well acquainted with the area.

McCOOLS TO BE HONORED ON 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Kerr of McCool are honoring Rev. and Mrs. H. J. McCool of Gloster with open house on their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Dec. 25 from 2 to 5 p. m.

The reception will be in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kerr in McCool. Those in the receiving line will be Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. Lee, and Rev. and Mrs. H. J. McCool.

Harvey McCool and Minnie Lee Black were married in the McCool Baptist Church on Dec. 25, 1907. The late Dr. M. O. Patterson performed the ceremony. The late James Obrian sang "I Love You Truly," with Mrs. Mammie Kennard at the organ. The late James Turner

was Mr. McCool's best man and Mrs. McCool's father, W. A. Black, gave her away.

In July of 1908 the McCool Church licensed Mr. McCool to preach. That fall they moved to Clinton, where he entered Miss. College.

Since his graduation from M. C. in 1913 he has served churches in Carrollton and Eupora, Miss.; Parkin, Ark.; Baton Rouge, Jackson and Crowley, La.

For 17 years the couple have been living on a farm near Gloster, Miss. during which time he has served as pastor of Ebenezer church in Amite County, the oldest Baptist church in the state.

NEW BOOKS

(Reviewed by the Editor and available through your Baptist Book Store in Jackson):

NOW THEN by David E. Mason (Broadman, 86 pp., \$1.75)—modern parables by a Louisiana Baptist pastor.

MAKING THE MOST OF WHAT LIFE BRINGS by Theodore F. Adams (Harper, 145 pp., \$2.50)—the first book of sermons by the president of the Baptist World Alliance.

THE CROWN by Robert F. Truesdell (Christopher, 298 pp., \$4.00)—good religious novel.

THE GIST OF THE LESSON, 1958, (Fleming H. Revell, 160 pp., \$.75)—in 59th year of publication.

PLAIN STATEMENTS ON BAPTIST FAITH AND PRACTICE by M. E. Ramay (Messenger Press, 166 pp.)—an Oklahoma pastor.

CHURCH MUSIC MANUAL by W. Hines Sims (Broadman, 152 pp.)—tops in its field!

HE'S STANDING BY YOU by Grace Lovelace (Vantage Press, 82 pp., \$2.00)—excellent poems.

SMALL GIANT by Phillis Woodruff Sapp (Zondervan, 281 pp., \$3.00)—award-winning novel by one of the ablest writers among Southern Baptists.

SHARE MY PLEASANT STONES by Eugenia Price (Zondervan, 348 pp., \$3.00)—devotions, every day of the year.

FRONTIER BISHOP by Worth Marion Tippy (Abingdon Press, \$3.50).

1000 NEW ILLUSTRATIONS by Al Bryant (Zondervan, 254 pp., \$3.95)—classified by subjects.

A SURVEY OF THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS by Russell Bradley Jones (Baker, 372 pp., \$5.95)—The author is head of the Department of Bible and Religious Education at Carson-Newman College in Tennessee.

YOUTH PROGRAMS FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH by Ruth Schroeder, wife of a Nebraska Baptist pastor. (Abingdon Press, 256 pp., \$3.00).

A TEEN-AGER'S GUIDE TO PERSONAL SUCCESS by Erma Paul Ferrari (Abingdon Press, 126 pp., \$2.00)—stimulating!

WITH ALL THY HEART by Leslie Savage Clark (Broadman, 80 pp., \$1.50), personal devo-



MISSISSIPPIANS ATTEND SOUTHERN SEMINARY

Many of the Mississippians who attend Southern Seminary, Louisville, were present for a recent meeting of those from the state. Left to right: first row—Mary Louise Hobart, Greenville; Bob Louk, Florida, (Miss. College); Graham Hales, Jackson; Lewis Myers, Skene; George Dye, Mashulaville; Murray Ethridge,

Collinsville; Bob Trotter, Bolton; Ed Boling, Lamar; Jack Farmer, Taylorsville. Second row—Ed Bailey, Meridian; Phillip Tillman, Tillatoba; Walter Moore, Meridian; Richard Wayne Causey, Meridian; Bob Davis, Lula; Earl Paderevsky, Alabama (Miss. College.) Third row—Odean Puckett, Jackson; Ed Holmes, Oxford, Bill Roby, Yazoo City; Dr. Vernon Stanfield, faculty advisor; Johnny Lee Taylor, Crystal Springs.

Miss Lansdell Will Leave Carver School January 1

LOUISVILLE — (BP) — Miss Emily K. Lansdell, president of Carver School of Missions and Social Work here, begins her sabbatical leave Jan. 1 and apparently will end her connection with the school on July 1.

John Sandidge, Louisville attorney who is chairman of Carver trustees, reported that no one has been elected to succeed Miss Lansdell.

The school last summer became property of the Southern Baptist Convention after being operated by the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Convention. At one time it was known as Woman's Missionary Union Training School.

Sandidge said that trustees are seeking a man to head the

school. The next regular meeting of the trustees is in February and a nominating committee may recommend a successor at that time, he added.

The trustees have offered Miss Lansdell the position as professor of missions on the faculty, according to Sandidge, but she has neither accepted nor declined their offer. She resigned as president earlier but was asked to continue for the time being.

To Study School Sandidge said that during the interim a faculty committee will operate Carver School. The chairmanship of the committee will rotate each month.

Booz, Allen & Hamilton, man-

agement consultants from Chicago, are re-examining the curriculum of the school, its position in the denomination, and its overall position in relation to the Southern Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Boards, Sandidge continued.

"Our long-range objectives," he declared, "is to not duplicate courses but to make Carver a graduate school in missions and social work."

The school owns two buildings — a president's home and a joint classroom building and women's dormitory. It can accommodate 110 students but its present enrollment is 86. The seven men enrolled live in men's quarters on the campus of Southern Seminary.

Broadmoe: Ordains Lakeshore Pastor



R. H. CRAWLEY

Proposed Budget --

(Continued from Page 7) amount for foreign mission capital needs in 1959 is \$400,000 which is only two-thirds of the capital needs allotment for 1958.

The capital needs allotment for Golden Gate Seminary, Berkeley, Calif., would be increased to \$2 million in 1959, under the proposed budget. Its capital needs allotment for 1958 is \$1,256,433.

The California seminary is building a new campus on Strawberry Point across Golden Gate Bridge from San Francisco. It is also across San Francisco Bay from the present location of the seminary.

Midwestern Baptist Seminary is Southern Baptists' new seminary, located in Kansas City, Mo. For 1958, it has been allocated only an operating budget of \$110,000.

For 1959, the proposed allocations would be \$192,500 for operations and \$200,000 to meet capital needs.

PEARL RIVER B'HOOD MEETS AT JUNIPER GROVE

Pearl River Associational Brotherhood meeting was held at Juniper Grove Church Friday night, Dec. 6, with President Bill Lee presiding, and Paul Padgett of Picayune, leading the singing.

Rev. Randle Ross presented the devotional and Dr. Russell Bush delivered the special message. The Juniper Grove W.M.S. served supper to the group.

On December 1, Rev. R. H. Crawley was ordained to the gospel ministry by the Broadmoe Church, Gulfport. The Lakeshore Church, which Rev. Crawley serves as pastor, requested the ordination.

Those present to examine the candidate were Rev. C. O. Estes, Dr. Joe H. Tuten, Rev. J. D. Poythress, Rev. Howard Gay, Rev. John Wade, Rev. O. B. Anderson, Rev. Carl Hill, Rev. James Clark, Rev. Ray McCullen and Rev. J. D. Aycock.

Rev. O. B. Anderson gave the charge to the church. Rev. C. O. Estes gave the charge to the candidate. Dr. Joe H. Tuten presented the Bible. Rev. Howard Gay led in the ordination prayer and Rev. J. D. Aycock, pastor of Broadmoe, preached the ordination sermon.

Gloria Hall and Johnny Martin furnished special music. A reception followed the ordination service honoring Rev. Crawley and his family, and Rev. James Clark and his family. Rev. Clark and his family are leaving the church also to enter William Carey College. Rev. Crawley is a student at New Orleans Seminary.

The church presented each family with a beautiful silver service set.

"Bringing Men --"

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group to plan aggressive and continuing programs.

2. "Provide for as many people as possible to participate in the group's work (but) committees and boards should be limited to a size which will permit them to conduct their work effectively.

3. "Assure that the programs for which the group is responsible can be carried out effectively — that the group will have at its disposal every technique of work which its obligations require."

WASHINGTON, D. C. — An official of the National Association of Evangelicals charged in a letter to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles that an American-owned Protestant school in Colombia is being subjected to pressure in an effort to close it.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Outward Christian Conduct Should Spring From Christ's Spirit Within

For December 22
By Dr. L. Bracey Campbell
CHRIST IN THE LIKENESS OF MEN.

Bible Text: Philippians 2; Luke 2:8-20.

CHRISTIAN CONDUCT FROM WITHIN OUR WARD.

"If there is therefore any consolation" (a better word is "encouragement") in Christ. The word for consolation sounds the need for the spirit of encouragement. Ring the note of it clear in every ear. Every one of us needs it at times. Likewise all people come to need the consolation of love, and fellowship of love both in suffering and in rejoicing. "Bowels and mercies" means "A heart of compassion."

From the second verse it is enough to know that the joy of all good men, Paul and our Lord among them, consists very largely in beholding unity and concord among good men everywhere. Here is a company of men and women bound together by the indwelling Christ, all striving together for the hope of the gospel, all good-naturedly vying in the good work, and their songs of loyalty to their Lord in one grand harmony and, of course the heart of the Lord grows joyous and overflows with the flood of heavenly gladness.

"Nothing thro faction or empty-glory," nothing done with a selfish eye to the doer's own glory, but each doer careful that the fortunes of others, his friends and brothers in the work, shall also prosper in their work for the Master, a selfless regard for the well-being and welfare of others — that shall bring directly to him who is helped and indirectly to the hearts of the doer a greater measure of joy than any selfish work can bring.

II. THE HUMILIATION OF CHRIST.

For loftiness of conception and beauty of expression there is nothing in the world superior to Philippians 2:5-11. Verses

5-8 tell, first of Christ's pre-incarnate glory, and then of His giving that glory up for the downward-tending earthly path that led all the way through the garden to the cross and thence to the borrowed rock-tomb in the garden outside the city wall. But first the Philippians and also we, are exhorted to have the mind of Christ within. Well, what was that? His position was one of equality with God. He existed in the form of God, to wondering angels He was of the very essence of God and to their eyes he had the form of God; and they saw this clearly no doubt. "Counted not the being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped," a thing to be seized, a thing to be jealously guarded, a thing that should be sacrificed by any downward step. "Emptied Himself." Forsook His heavenly glory, turned his back upon his exalted heavenly station within His Father's House of Light, for the shadows of the earthly night and wanderings sad and lone. "Taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men." Like no angel of howsoever exalted a station, even as Gabriel who stands before God or less exalted one, but took the form of man, the lowest created form of conscious servant that does honor unto God.

"He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to death, yea, the death of the cross." Men die and have died in many ways. Sometimes we pay great honor to the memories of men, because of the kinds of deaths they die. There are other cases of death in which we avert the eyes and speak low, if at all, in the presence of the next of kin, because of the ignominy of the death someone has died.

mean when I say there are deaths honorable and dishonorable. Well, the death of our Lord was dishonorable, the death of a slave or the worst of criminals.

III. CHRIST'S EXALTATION.

(I wish I had a bit more space) "Wherefore God." "Wherefore" gives the reason that God acted, raised Christ up. Gave him the name which is above every name. I think Paul meant the name Jesus. Before He was conceivable in the womb, God sent an angel to give Him that name. And to what end? That one day every knee in heaven and on earth and in hell shall bow and every tongue shall confess Jesus Christ as Lord to the glory of God the Father.

Wiley to Work as Church Finance Representative

Rev. Glen Eric Wiley, former pastor of First Church, Grenada, has joined the staff of A. B. Culbertson and Company, Ft. Worth as a field representative. A. B. Culbertson, president, has announced.

Mr. Wiley will work directly with churches engaged in building programs which are being financed through the sale of ABC Plan Bonds, a method for church building finance pioneered by the Fort Worth organization.

Counting On You

We thrill as we think of how many of you are making plans to give a special love gift for missions through the 1957 Lottie Moberg Christmas Offering. We know that many of you will be giving a gift equal to the amount you spend to make friends and family happy on this day we celebrate as the birthday of Jesus. Nothing will bring more happiness to your heart this Christmas than giving that people around the world may share your joy in knowing him. As we give we will gain a deeper insight into the true meaning of Christmas, and the blessings we receive will be multiplied in the hearts of many who will come to know Christ because of this Offering which takes the message of God's love into the far areas of the world. — Doctors Wana Ann and M. Giles Fort, Jr., Southern Baptist missionaries to Southern Rhodesia.



GENE C. FANT

Pastor's Son Ordained

Gene C. Fant was ordained to the Gospel ministry by Harmony Church Sunday, Dec. 15. The examining Council, composed of Baptist Pastors and Deacons of the area met, at 2:00 p. m.

Gene is the son of Rev. T. E. Fant, pastor of the ordaining church and Mrs. Frant. He has accepted work at Klamath, Cal. He will begin his work there in February and plans to remain for the summer. Next fall he plans to enroll in one of the Baptist Seminaries possibly the Golden Gate Seminary in California.

Gene will graduate from William Carey College at Hattiesburg in January of 1958.

The sermon was presented by Rev. T. E. Fant, his father.

Off The Record

Junior was invited to supper at Billy's house but refused. When Ma asked why, Junior sneered:

"He just wants me to help him eat up his cereal so he can have the box tops."

Wife to husband: "This Christmas let's give each other sensible gifts like ties and fur coats." — Bob Barnes in The Saturday Evening Post.

"Yes," said the farmer, "when a feller has got to know the botanical name of what he raises, and the entomological name of the bugs that eat it up, and the pharmaceutical name of what he sprays on it—things is bound to cost more."

In Fort Lauderdale, Fla., one of the expensive motels is named: "The Yankee Clipper." — Chicago Daily News.

Absolutely Right — "Tell me, sir, who was braver than Lancelot, wiser than Socrates, more honorable than Lincoln, wittier than Mark Twain, and more handsome than Appolo?" "My wife's first husband."

The Honeymoon is really over when He phones that he will be late for dinner and She's already left a note that it's in the refrigerator. — Leopard Spots.

The twins, five year olds, had knelt for bed-time prayers. Little Clara prayed first, concluding: "Amen. Goodnight, God. And now stay tuned for Clarence." — Arkansas Methodist.

A hotel in Jackson, Miss., advertises: "Convenient to everything, including better hotels." — Neal O'Hara, McNaught Syndicate.

In the old days a person who missed a stagecoach was resigned to waiting a day or two for the next one. Now, you often see a man annoyed if he misses one session of a revolving door.